



# OFBCI News

*Where service and volunteerism happen!*

**Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives**

Mitchell E. Daniels, Jr., Governor

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## In memoriam

*"I learned the name Boniface Hardin in my first days in the mayor's office four decades ago. He was already known as a giant for justice and an education visionary. He lived in faith in a way few of us can hope appropriate. I hope young people will study his life and choose to imitate it."*

These are Governor Mitch Daniels' comments on the recent [passing of Rev. Fr. Boniface Hardin](#). Hardin built his legacy as a pastor at Holy Angels Church and as the founder of the Martin Community Center, which later became Martin University.

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## Foreclosure help partners seeking volunteers, help in spreading word



Will you commit to contacting [Bonnie Wolford](#)? Hoosiers facing hard times need assistance from their fellow Hoosiers. As a partner in the Foreclosure Prevention Network, Bonnie needs your help with helping them at a foreclosure prevention event in Indianapolis.

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## Quick Links:

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## Community events:

- Apr. 5 - [ICCSV Board Meeting](#)
- Apr. 10 - [Introduction to social media for nonprofits \(conducted by INRN\)](#)
- Apr. 17 - [U-Indy Community Planning, Urban Design, Aging in Place workshop](#)
- Apr. 22 - [Earth Day Celebration at the Jewish Cultural Center in Indy](#)
- Apr. 25 - [MCCOY Speed dating for early intervention & prevention service providers](#)
- Apr. 27 - [Early registration ends for Neighborhoods USA conference](#)
- May 11 - [Deadline to nominate for UWCI Diversity Volunteer Awards](#)
- May 15 - [Deadline for SeniorCorps Applications](#)

It is no secret that community organizations and faith-based groups are closest to the Hoosiers who have needs and that these organizations' members work and volunteer to meet those needs every day. It is because of that vocational ethic that the OFBCI is asking you to donate staff or volunteers to a shift at an event that can help Hoosiers with foreclosure prevention assistance. Here is more information on the event:

**When: Wednesday, April 25, 2012**

1:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. (EST)

**Where: Indianapolis Marriott East**

7202 East 21st Street

Indianapolis, IN 46219

**The two shifts are 11:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.**

**Volunteers are critical to the success of the day and his event will require 40 volunteers per shift to help with registration, exit surveys, directional guidance, and additional assistance. Volunteers will be fed, provided with an event t-shirt, and will receive free parking.**

**Please contact Bonnie Wolferd at:**  
[bonnie@wolferdconsulting](mailto:bonnie@wolferdconsulting) to help.

This request is part of a collaboration between the [Indiana Housing and Community Development Authority \(IHCDA\)](#) and the OFBCI. The OFBCI oversees [the HoosierCorps program](#), where Hoosiers receive mortgage assistance in



exchange for their participation as volunteers for organizations in their community.

## Apply now: 9/11 Day of Service grants

To commemorate and remember those who served in the wake of tragedy, the OFBCI is requesting proposals for the 9/11 Day of Service and Remembrance grants. The OFBCI encourages Day of Service projects that (1) demonstrate community connections and use of local resources, (including partnerships with a minimum of one organization that serves persons with disabilities), (2) build capacity of local national service programs through regional networking and co-planning of activities, and (3) increase member and volunteer understanding and commitment to national service and volunteerism.

If you are interested in applying, please visit [our website](#) today!

- May 15 - [Scholarship deadline for AmeriCorps alumni \(to attend the Monterrey Institute\)](#)
- Jun. 9 - [Walking for Dreams local nonprofit benefit](#)

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JOIN THE **9/11** TRIBUTE MOVEMENT

911day.org

## Words on volunteerism from a 2011 Governor's Service Award recipient



*Pictured above: Tavetta Patterson's interview about volunteerism. Patterson was awarded the 2011 Governor's Service Award for Volunteerism.*

Nominate someone you know for the 2012 Service Awards by going to: <http://www.in.gov/ofbci/2390.htm>

## SeniorCorps funding now available

The Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS) announced the availability of federal funding for the agency's RSVP program, part of Senior Corps.

This competition will award funds to new RSVP programs in the agency's six focus areas outlined in the CNCS's Strategic Plan: **disaster services, economic opportunity, education, environmental stewardship, healthy futures, and veterans and military families.** CNCS will invest in organizations in geographic areas where RSVP projects were voluntarily discontinued by the previous sponsor. The effected geographic service areas can be found in the notice of funding opportunity (NOFO).

The competition also will provide grant augmentations to current existing RSVP sponsors to incorporate activities that support veterans and military families into their portfolio. A broad description of each of these areas is outlined in the Senior Corps Notice of Funding Opportunity.



## News that is useful to you:

If you would like to see something in the OFBCI News, please email Derek at:

[DTrovillion@ofbci.in.gov](mailto:DTrovillion@ofbci.in.gov)

For more information, please [click here to read the Senior Corps Notice of Funding Opportunity](#).

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## Christian Theological Seminary Launches 'Discipleship Project'

According to a press release from the Christian Theological Seminary, they have launched "The Discipleship Project", which is described as "an experiential scholarship for students graduate level theological education."

The release continues, saying that "Beginning in the fall semester of 2012, CTS will offer 12 full-ride scholarships for residential students, including tuition and a \$12,000 annual stipend. In addition to their coursework, each year's cohort of scholars will meet regularly with two faculty mentors, engage outstanding community leaders, and visit vibrant congregations to learn first-hand about what works – and what doesn't – in Christian ministry today.

Each cohort's final year will culminate with a visit to Jerusalem (or another international site)."

To learn more about this opportunity by [clicking here](#).

*Submitted by Susan Miller of the Christian Theological Seminary. If your faith-based organization is offering funding opportunities for community servants, please contact us as we would love to share your story!*

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## Indiana VISTA - The Ultimate Experience in Giving Back

Positions with the AmeriCorps\*VISTA program are now available at several Indiana nonprofits:

- **New Hope Family Shelter - Community Outreach**
- **Muslim Alliance of Indiana (MAI) - Resource Development**
- **Muslim Alliance of Indiana (MAI) - Program and Volunteer Development**
- **Sheltering Wings - Resource Development and Capacity Building**

AmeriCorps VISTA is the national service program designed specifically to fight poverty in America. Founded as VISTA – "Volunteers in Service to America" in 1964, this initiative has been on the front lines in the fight against poverty in America for more than 40 years.

Often described as the "domestic Peace Corps," VISTA is a highly respected competitive program providing full-time

professional volunteer opportunities in National Service. VISTA members commit a year to serving the community by working to build the capacity in non-profit organizations and government agencies across the country.

*For more information about the VISTA program, please [click here](#).*

*Email [Emily Kubiszewski](#) at the Corporations for National Service for more details or forward this on to someone you know who may be interested in serving as a VISTA.*

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## **Program highlight: 'Take Ten' at the Robinson Community Learning Center**

**If you don't follow the Indiana AmeriCorps blog, you may have missed this story. Here is a great account by Lauren Kross of the Robinson Community Learning Center.**



In 2011, Robinson Community Learning Center received an AmeriCorps grant. All programs housed at the Robinson Center received at least one full time member as well as part time members in addition to the volunteers they already have. Ellen Kyes, Director of Take Ten, said: "AmeriCorps has allowed the Take Ten program to experience tremendous growth and bring projects to fruition."

Take Ten AmeriCorps members serve in various areas of the program. All members teach the program in at least one classroom of students and assist with one major project. These projects include curriculum update, volunteer evaluation, social media, training videos, and the production of the Take Ten comic book.

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